BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2024 MINUTES

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

"IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED."

ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN DIMEO: PRESENT
COUNCILWOMAN HODGES: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN McCARTHY: PRESENT
COUNCILMAN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR ROBBINS: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Time closed: 7:32 p.m.

Council President Oglesby reported that the bulkhead at the lake looks fantastic. Mr. Oglesby stated that's it is a shame they must fill the lake and Public Works was unable to finish.

Councilman Davis stated that we are close to being subject to a fine, so Public Works is beginning to fill the lake.

Councilman McCarthy reported that he attended a preliminary meeting with Lakehurst Community Coalition adding this is a group that consists of a few residents, members of Proving Ground Church, Fire Department, Police Department and at this point, it is still growing. Mr. McCarthy stated that their goal is community outreach and added that the group is planning to do a townwide clean up on April 27, 2024, followed by a BBQ. Mr. McCarthy also stated that the Community Coalition is going to reach out to the Elementary School for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders who have community service hours that they must fulfill for graduation. Mr. McCarthy went on to say that the group is still working on their mission statement.

Mayor Robbin questioned if the group was to provide a hold harmless and insurance certificate.

Municipal Clerk Capasso stated that all the appropriate paperwork will be needed, and she will get it over to them.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To approve minutes of February 1, 2024 Work Session/Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters to be considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Resolution #24-066 re: Payment of Bills
- 2. Resolution #24-067 re: Authorizing refund of 2024 Tax Overpayments
- 3. Resolution #24-068 re: Authorizing donation of Fire Equipment
- 4. Resolution #24-069 re: Transfer (Current Fund)
- 5. Resolution #24-070 re: Authorizing membership in Lakehurst First Aid Squad for Raymond Sinton

Motion by: Brian Dimeo Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Councilman Oglesby who abstained to Resolution #2024-070 due to his membership in the Lakehurst First Aid Squad.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that the bulkhead looks great, Mr. Winton did a lot more than originally planned. Mrs. Hodges went on to say that the lake should be filled by Monday. Mrs. Hodges stated that they are working on getting compost and seedlings to put in that area to stabilize it. Mrs. Hodges said that the compost from the County will be at no cost to the borough and that she was in talks with the Master Composter for native plants that would do best there. Mrs. Hodges also said that she has volunteers already lined up to rake out of the compost and put the seed down and this should all be completed by the Spring.

Councilman Dimeo reported that the purchase order was issued for the computers.

Councilman Oglesby reported that he was pleased to announce that we have an agreement with both unions.

Mayor Robbins stated that he has signed both MOA's and that word document of the police contract was sent over to the Police Union.

Councilwoman Dugan reported that she met with the CFO, and he is working on preliminary numbers for the budget. Mrs. Dugan also stated that the new cannabis business opened yesterday.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:43 p.m.

Amanda Oglesby, 316 Church Street, stated that wildfire season is approaching and wanted to know if Lakehurst could possibly do an educational campaign.

Mayor Robbins inquired if Mrs. Oglesby had any contacts. Mayor Robbins went on to say that last year was scary and we came very close to losing homes and the ESC building.

Time closed: 7:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Bernadette Dugan To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 7:45 p.m.

Amy Lowe, RMC

Deputy Municipal Clerk